



What's New in the City

City of Natchitoches

Return to the 50's Classic Car Show October 3 & 4

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The Eighth Annual Return to the 50's Classic Car Show will be held Friday, October 3, and Saturday, October 4, 2014, in downtown Natchitoches. The event, sponsored by the Natchitoches Historic District Business Association, is expected to bring in almost 400 classic vehicles to downtown Natchitoches.

The Car Show kicks off on Friday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. with a seven-stop poker run. Friday evening, a fish fry and live music entertainment by The Pack will be held on the downtown riverbank for registered participants.

Classic cars will be on display on Front Street and the downtown riverbank Saturday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Entertainers will perform on three stages in downtown Natchitoches throughout the day. Admission for spectators is free.

The Return to the 50's Classic

Car Show will also include activities such as Wrap the Car, Split the Pot, and a Wipeout Board to benefit the Kasey Joelle Ragan Memorial Fund. The fund raises awareness and funding for youth who attend Louisiana Lions Camp, a unique summer camp for mentally and physically challenged and diabetic youth.

For more information on the Return to the 50's Classic Car Show, please call 318-238-7469 or visit www.natchitochescarshow.com.



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Did you know?

- 2014 Class of Natchitoches Treasures will be announced October 23.
- Crows on Cane Scarecrow Festival is October 10—12. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places!
- Second Annual Pumpkin Glow will be held Tuesday, October 28 in Beau Jardin
- Fall Tour of Homes is October 10—12
- The Christmas lights will be turned on for the first time on Saturday, November 22 at Turn on the Holidays!

Recycling Center Open on Mill Street

The City of Natchitoches in partnership with Progressive Waste Solutions and Alliance Compressors has made recycling a little more convenient for residents living outside of city limits. The Natchitoches Recycling Center located on Mill Street will

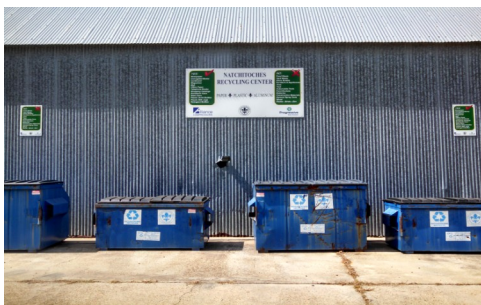
allow residents to drop off recyclable materials seven days a week. The recycling center will be maintained by the City of Natchitoches Public Works Department and recycling service and pick-up will be provided by Progressive Waste Solutions.

Residents are encouraged to drop off appropriate recyclable materials into any of the blue bins located at the Natchitoches Recycling Center.

Examples of appropriate items include: newspaper, corrugated boxes, cardboard, magazines, mail, paper, telephone books, shopping catalogues, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic drink bottles, plastic milk jugs, and detergent bottles.

Food waste, yard waste, glass bottles, furniture, appliances, tires, toys, automobile parts, paint buckets, batteries, construction materials, aerosol spray cans, wood, rocks, bricks and dirt are strictly prohibited and should NOT be placed in the bins.

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Fall Market Begins October 11



The Cane River Green Market will kick off the fall 2014 market season on Saturday, October 11 in conjunction with Natchitoches Tri-Centennial Second Saturday events. Open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank, opening day of the fall market will feature Cane River Green Market vendors, live musical entertainment, children's activities, demonstrations and a free Zumba class.

The Cane River Green Market will be open select Saturdays in October and November from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank in Natchitoches. Fall Market dates are October 11, 18 & 25 and November 8 & 15. The market features local vendors of fresh fruits and vegetables, value-added products such as jams, jellies, baked goods, farm fresh eggs and honey, as well as handcrafted items including jewelry and woodwork. Market day activities include special programming, musical performances, children's activities, Zumba classes, and demonstrations.

The Cane River Green Market accepts WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

vouchers. WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers issued over the summer can be redeemed at participating vendors during the fall market season.

In addition, Cane River Green Market accepts EBT/SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. SNAP benefits may be used to purchase eligible food items such as bread products, produce, eggs, dairy products, seeds, and edible or food producing plants. Through a MarketMatch program, the market will match up to \$20 in SNAP purchases per market while supplies last. The MarketMatch program meets SNAP shoppers who want to eat healthy and support local farmers half way.

The MarketMatch campaign is made possible by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation, The Rapides Foundation, Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, and MarketUmbrella.org.

For more information on the Cane River Green Market, MarketMatch program, or how to become a vendor, please call (318) 352-2746 or visit www.canerivergreenmarket.com.

Recycling (continued)

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All City of Natchitoches Utility customers will continue to receive residential recycling services.

"We are hoping that by providing a place for people to drop off their recyclables, that more people living outside of the city limits will be encouraged to recycle," stated Mayor Lee Posey.

Alliance plant manager Ken Gardner commented that "Alliance fully supports this effort to encourage residents of Natchitoches and the surrounding area to recycle. One of our core values is to be a good steward in our community, thus we will promote availability of this recycling option to our employees."

For more information on the Natchitoches Recycling Center, please call City Hall at (318) 352-2772.

National Night Out October 7

More than 15 neighborhoods and communities throughout Natchitoches parish will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

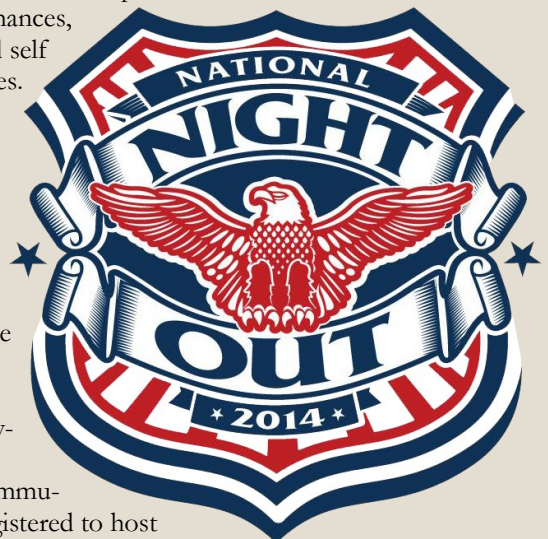
Started in 1984, "America's Night Out Against Crime" began as a way for neighborhoods to take a stand against crime by promoting involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and community pride.

Events will include guest speakers from law enforcement and fire protection and appearances by mascots such as Sparky the Fire Dog, Daren the Lion and Eddie Eagle. Additional events will include parades, performances, cook-outs and self-defense classes. All events will take place on Tuesday evening between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Events are free and open to the public.

The following neighborhoods and communities have registered to host

National Night Out Events: East Natchitoches; Town South/Pan Am; Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive; Carters Mobile Home; Highland Recreation Park and Woodyard Subdivision; Village of Natchez; Melrose; Ashland; Cedar Grove; Bailey Heights; Council on Aging; Payne Subdivision; Cane Subdivision; St. Denis Heights; Town of Campti; Clarence; Powhatan; and Airport Road.

For more information on National Night Out or event schedules and locations, please contact NPSO Director of Community Services Merry Byers at (318) 238-7550.



Natchitoches Grand Hotel Project Approved

The City of Natchitoches was notified in early September that the financing package for the Natchitoches Grand Hotel project was given final approval. The USDA by a unanimous vote approved the Hotel project and was very complimentary of how the project will support the City, Parish and especially the Natchitoches Events Center and our entire hospitality and heritage tourism industry. Plans are being made for the project to commence as soon as a final set of Hotel plans are signed off by the Office of the State Fire Marshall.

This project began with a Request for Proposals during 2010 after a detailed feasibility report was obtained from PKF Consulting, a leading national hospitality industry consulting firm. The developer of the Hotel, Natchitoches Grand Hotel, LLC, through its principle Warren Reuther, Jr., submitted the successful response to the RFP. Through a series of USDA accepted designs and layout plans, a final 87 room Hotel was approved to fully develop the site. "This new downtown headquarter hotel across the street from the Natchitoches Events Center will help take the Natchitoches hospitality industry to new levels," said Reuther.

The City is optimistic that this project will create jobs and generate new revenue for the City as well as all taxing entities. "We estimate that the new hotel will employ 26 full time equivalent positions with a total payroll and benefits of approximately \$720,000 annually," stated Mayor Lee Posey.

Infrastructure work around the site that is the City's responsibility should begin within the next four to six weeks. The entire design/development team will be meeting in Natchitoches within the next two weeks to discuss scheduling and timelines that may apply to each phase of the project.

The Natchitoches Grand Hotel, LLC hotel project is scheduled to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2015. Mayor Lee Posey wants to thank the residents of the City for being supportive of this new development and is confident that it will be a successful venture and supportive of the future growth of the Natchitoches Events Center as well as the tax base for the City and Parish.

Witch Way to Main Street October 31

The City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Main Street Program will sponsor Witch Way to Main Street, a safe and free trick-or-treating event, in downtown Natchitoches on Friday, October 31 from 5-7 p.m.

Witch Way to Main Street will take place on Front Street and allow children age 12 and younger to trick-or-treat at participating downtown businesses and sponsored booths. Witch Way will also feature face painting, Sparky the Fire Dog, a Haunted House, tours of the "Haunted" Natchitoches Parish Library Bookmobile, games and more!



Children must be in costume and accompanied by an adult to participate. Candy and prizes will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Natchitoches police officers will be on duty to ensure children's safety.

Area businesses and organizations are encouraged to sponsor booths and games at Witch Way. Booths may feature interactive games, activities and/or candy distribution.

For more information on Witch Way to Main Street, please call the Natchitoches Main Street office at (318) 352-2746.

Crows on Cane Scarecrow Fest October 10

The Natchitoches Historic District Business Association will host the Third Annual Crows on Cane Scarecrow Fest on Friday, October 10. The Scarecrow Fest is a great opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, clubs and organizations to get involved. Cash prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third Places.

All entries will be displayed in the Historic District for judging. Scarecrows may reflect a special theme and/or promote a business, organization or event. Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand weather. Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, religious, or political opinions will not be accepted.

Judging will take place Friday, October 10 and scarecrows will remain on display until the end of October.

Pumpkin Glow Set for October 28 in Beau Jardin

The Natchitoches Historic District Business Association is excited to bring you the Second Annual Pumpkin Glow. Bring your family and friends to walk along the glowing path of carved jack-o-lanterns in Beau Jardin on Rue Beauport. Admission is free! Enter the gates of Beau Jardin on Front Street or on the north end of the riverbank next to the Roque House. Pumpkin glow begins at 6:00 p.m.

Pumpkin drop off will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Roque House located on Rue Beauport. HDBA will provide glow sticks to illuminate the carved pumpkins. Groups and/or businesses entering 10 or more pumpkins will have a sign posted along the path with their name.

For more information, call Dawn Wells at 318-729-8282.

NSU Named 2015 Military Friendly® School

Northwestern State University has been designated a 2015 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, a leading organization in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds. This is the fifth time NSU has received the designation.

The designation process includes extensive research and a data-driven survey of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding. The survey considers factors such as on-campus military support; academic credit acceptance from a variety of sources, including military training; tuition assistance; spouse and dependent benefits and flexible schedule and course completion requirements.

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Go Demons!



NSU Rockin' Retro Homecoming Festival

Northwestern State University will celebrate Homecoming 2014 with a "Rockin' Retro" theme. Homecoming festivities are set for Oct. 10-11 and will include the second annual Rockin' on the Riverbank Homecoming Festival, parade, pep rally, receptions, tailgating and the presentation of the Honor Court during halftime of Saturday's football game.

Capping off a week of student activities on campus, alumni and friends are invited to join the festivities on Friday Oct. 10, beginning with the annual homecoming golf tournament at the NSU Rec Complex. The Homecoming parade will begin at 5:30 p.m., ending on the riverbank in downtown Natchitoches where a pep rally and Rockin' on the Riverbank Homecoming Festival will take place featuring live entertainment by Chee-Weez.

Saturday's events will begin with the "Cycling for Sharon" bicycle ride and presentation in the Alumni Plaza at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development will hold a reception for individuals being inducted into the

Hall of Distinguished Educators. The ceremony will be at the Teacher Education Center Auditorium. Also at 10 a.m., the N Club Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place in Magale Recital Hall.

NSU's School of Business will hold a reception in Russell Hall beginning at 11 a.m. during which time inductees into the School of Business Hall of Distinction will be recognized. Also at 11 a.m., the KNWD reunion will take place in the Student Union Ballroom. The Demon Regiment will host an open house at the James A. Noe Military Science Building beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Tailgating activities in and around Collins Pavilion and the Demon Commons will begin at 2 p.m., leading up to pregame activities at 5:30 p.m. in Turpin Stadium. The NSU Demons will kick off against Incarnate Word at 6 p.m. and halftime ceremonies recognizing the Homecoming Honor Court will take place at around 7:30 p.m.

For information on Homecoming 2014, visit nsula.edu or northwesternalumni.com.

Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates

Oct. 3 & 4—Return to the 50's Classic Car Show, downtown Natchitoches

Oct. 6—Historic District Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 7—National Night Out

Oct. 7—Planning & Zoning meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 10–12—60th Annual Fall Pilgrimage Tour of Homes

Oct. 10–11—Third Annual Crows on Cane Scarecrow Festival, Front Street

Oct. 10—NSU's Rockin' on the Riverbank Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally & Festival, 5:30 p.m. on the downtown riverbank

Oct. 11—Cane River Green Market Fall Market, 8:00 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank

Oct. 11—Tri-Centennial Second Saturday Events:

- Creole Heritage Exhibit—Creoles of Isle Brevelle, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lemee House
- Live Concert Series featuring The LaCour Trio, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank

Oct. 11—NSU Homecoming game vs. Incarnate Word, 6:00 p.m. at Turpin Stadium

Oct. 13—City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 16—Historic District Development Commission meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 18—Cane River Green Market Fall Market, 8:00 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank

Oct. 20–24—Make a Difference Week

Oct. 20—Airport Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport

Oct. 23—Natchitoches Treasures program, 11:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center

Oct. 25—Cane River Green Market Fall Market, 8:00 a.m. to noon on the downtown riverbank

Oct. 25—Characters & Customs from the Crypt Haunted History Tour, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the American Cemetery (Second Street)

Oct. 27—City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Oct. 28—Second Annual Pumpkin Glow, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Beau Jardin

Oct. 31—Halloween; Witch Way to Main Street, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. on Front Street